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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- FairEntry opens June 1st
- Last in-person YQCA class is May 15th. Don't forget to register.
- Discover Days is June 1st - 4th. Open to 4-Hers 13-18yrs of age (4-H age)
- Campference is June 27th - 30th. Open to 4-Hers 12 - 14yrs of age (4-H age)
- Critical Dates included

New Project for 2021

Kansas 4-H is introducing two new projects for the 2020-2021 4-H year. Below is more information regarding these two projects. If you are interested in participating in one or both of these project areas, please contact our Extension Office to get enrolled or for more information.

Ag Mechanics:

This project is starting with an emphasis on welding and smithing, it will expand as the project area grows. This project allows

youth to explore areas of ag mechanics and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing items to the fabrication of new items. The intent is for this program to start with foundational areas, some of which youth may already have, and allow them to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced.

We are working with a 4-H volunteer who is willing to hold project meetings around this topic. More information will be coming soon.

4-H Stem Agriculture Block Construction:

This project is starting with an emphasis on using architectural blocks (“Legos”) to construct dioramas. This project allows youth to explore architectural design in a three dimensional space. The intent is for this program to start with foundational ideas of architecture, some of which youth may already have, and allow youth to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more and more experienced.

4-H Newsletter Returns With A New Look!

Every 4-H families' favorite publication has returned! 4-H Focus monthly newsletter is back with a new look. As we start to return to in-person programming within 4-H, I believe the need has returned for this publication. For those who are new to the 4-H program, this newsletter serves as a great source of information on what is not only going on in Leavenworth County but also what is going on in 4-H statewide. It will include any programs, conferences or events that are happening as well as any valuable information we feel that is important that our families know. I am planning to publish this newsletter on the last Friday of the month. For example, June's newsletter would come out on May 28th. It will come out via email. But if you would like a paper copy mailed to your place of residence, please contact our office to get on the list for that service. I ask that each month you read through this newsletter carefully so you don't miss anything.

Thanks for having patience over the last several months. I know that we are all eager to return to normal programming and reviving this newsletter is a step in that direction.



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4-H Livestock Reminders

Livestock Worksheet Deadline

All youth participating in a livestock project (except poultry and rabbits) must turn in a Family Identification Worksheet for that species. If your animal requires a EID tag, then those worksheets are due at tagging on May 2nd or May 3rd. If your animals do not require an EID tag then those worksheets are due to our office by May 1st. Worksheets can be emailed, mailed or dropped off.

YQCA Certification

All youth who are planning to exhibit livestock at the Leavenworth County Fair must take the annual Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification class. You can either take the class online at yqca.org (8yr olds and up only) or attend an in-person class. Leavenworth Co Extension will be teaching an in-person class on May 15th on the fairgrounds. Register at yqca.org.

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I am here to help. Please reach out to me with any questions.

FairEntry Opens June 1st

You Must Enter Your Projects in FairEntry to be eligible to bring them to fair under 4-H.

Registration is June 1 through June 30, 2021. You will access the FairEntry program through our website, leavenworth.ksu.edu. The system works with your 4-H Online Enrollment information. You will use your family account email and password to log in to FairEntry. *It is important to remember that only the projects that you enrolled in through 4honline will be available for fair entries.*

IMPORTANT: Complete entries for ALL 4-H members in your family BEFORE selecting the submit button. Entries may be adjusted in the account before the submit button is selected until June 30, but become

final when the submit button is selected. There will be no changes made after June 30.

There is a \$2.00 fee per exhibitor, which now can be paid online!

If you have any questions, please access the 4-H FairEntry Guide located on our website. Within the guide is a step by step tutorial with written instructions and screenshots of examples of pages you will see when registering.

As a reminder if you filled out and turned in a Livestock Identification worksheet, this does not count as your entry for fair. You still need to enter the animals you are bringing to fair into the FairEntry System.

If you need further assistance or access to a computer come into the Extension Office or give us a call at 913-364-5700.

Senior Shout Out

Congratulations to our 2021 4-H Seniors! Best wishes for your next adventure. May 4-H always hold a special place in your hearts. Please join me in congratulating our Seniors!

Basehor Rustlers

Brynna Ladesic

Bell

Jacob Heim

Cheyenne Hindman

Logan Ohlde

Boling

Andrew Megee

Glenwood

Braeden Folsom

Happy Helpers

Christopher Raitchel

Emma Sparks

Happy Hollow

Zane McDougal

Charley Monahan

Holly Oatney

Katherine Schmidt

Matthew Schmidt

Grace Stewart

Nathan Wilburn

Livewires

Chas Gilmore

Reno Bobwhites

Cadence Dare

Samuel Manus



“Leaders aren’t born, they’re grown”

Creative Ideas to Enhance Your Club Meetings

BACKWARDS MEETING: Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE: This works best when the officers or leaders take charge. When members make a motion, give discussion or ask a question they can be presented with an incentive. This might just increase club participation! Incentives can be “traveling,” virtual background, 4-H promo item, etc.

CRAZY THEME DAY: One meeting could be jazzed up by incorporating a fun theme. During roll call, members may show off and tell the story behind what they brought to match the theme. Suggested themes include a mismatched day, 4-H green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, bring a stuffed animal day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

INVITE A FRIEND: Encourage members to invite their friends who are not members of 4-H to a meeting. Have a special

introduction ceremony for the club guests. Be sure to include information on how to join 4-H.

HAVE A SECRET WORD CONTEST: When the Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting, a secret word can be inserted. Members will listen closely to determine what the word is. Members who then use the word in some way during the meeting can receive a small prize from the club’s supply tote. Secret word examples include: popsicle, pillow, jelly bean, clover, and armadillo.

Record Book Corner

Kansas 4-H has revamped the record book process for 2020-2021 4-H year. There is an old, familiar saying that says: If a tree falls in the forest and nobody heard it, did it really fall?

The [Kansas 4-H](#) version of that adage may go something like this: If youth have spent time helping their communities, but don't tell anyone about it, did they really do it?

The Kansas 4-H program has recently introduced new project report forms that improve upon youth's ability to track their activities. The forms will better accommodate children by age and are more specific to types of projects.

The forms can be filled out online or can also be printed and filled out by hand.

These new forms have been developed so that they're easy to use and simple for kids and families to complete. Kansas 4-H believes that record keeping is an important life skill as part of a rich project-based learning experience.

Leavenworth County Extension will be hosting information sessions and trainings on these new forms in August of 2021. You can access these new forms at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html>

It's Camp Season

4-H offers many different camp and conference opportunities for youth of all ages. Below is the information regarding camps and conferences that are available in 2021.

Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. Sessions organized into content related tracks, college and career readiness skill development, in-depth training through educational sessions from content and youth development experts, learn new ideas, techniques, and skills you can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities

When: June 1st-4th, 2021

Who: 4-H Discovery Days is for young people ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021.

Registration Cost: \$35

Register at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

Campference

4-H Campference is planned for June 27-30, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

What is Campference?

This event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14 who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth.

Register at [kansas4-h.org](https://www.kansas4-h.org) or at <https://web.cvent.com/event/965ecee2-12fd-4eb7-9361-2bb31b550e55/summary>

Registration closes May 15th.

County 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is held at Rock Spring Ranch. It is June 24th - 27th. Due to Covid, there is a limited number of spots this year. Currently they all are full. More information will be coming soon to those who registered to attend.



Leavenworth County Fair Goat Show 2020

4-H Food Stand Returns

Leavenworth County 4-H Council will re-open the 4-H food stand for the 2021 Leavenworth County Fair. 4-H clubs will be expected to take two shifts, one day shift and one night shift. Club shifts will be determined by lottery system, just like in 2019. What does this mean? You need to have a club representative at the May 24th County Council Meeting to draw for your club spots. It is important that your club decide what shifts they would prefer. I would recommend ranking all club shifts from number one choice all the way to last choice. Because the order of clubs picking is completely random, this will help your rep-

resentative select the best shifts for your club. County Council meets at 7pm at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. The drawing for club shifts will take place first thing. If you do not have a club representative present, then your club will receive the remaining shifts available.



Leavenworth County Fair

The Leavenworth County Fair is coming fast. We have great hope that fair will look more traditional this year. Like everything in our world these days, events are subject to change as our environment changes. We will inform you if any changes in our traditional format occurs. But as of right now we are moving forward with plans for a traditional fair so with that said below are a list of important dates to mark in your calendar.

Important Fair Dates:

Dog Show: July 17th

Cat/Pet Show: July 18th

Clothing Judging/ Fashion Revue: July 23rd

Fair Set-Up: July 25th

Leavenworth County Fair: July 27th - July 31st

Fair Clean-Up and Project Release: August 1st

4-H Youth Program Quality Principles

Dedicated volunteers and staff spend many hours working directly with youth in 4-H programs. From exploring topics in a Cloverbuds program, to learning science skills by building a robot, to attending National 4-H Congress, 4-H provides many different types of programs to meet the needs of youth as they grow and develop. What happens in 4-H programs and how they are planned and led, makes a huge difference in the impact of the program on youth! In order to have the biggest impact, programs need to adhere to eight critical principles of program quality:

1. Physical and psychological safety — Youth need to feel safe in 4-H programs and be able to interact positively with others.
2. Appropriate structure — Whether it is a club meeting or leadership camp, 4-H programs must have clear and consistent rules and expectations, with clear boundaries and age-appropriate monitoring.
3. Supportive relationships — All youth need to feel warmth from and closeness to others in 4-H. Youth need to feel others care about and support them. They also need to receive clear guidance and communication from 4-H volunteers and staff.
4. Opportunities to belong — All youth need to feel included in a meaningful way in 4-H, re-

gardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientations, or ability. Youth should have opportunities to share their culture and heritage with others and to forge a positive identity.

5. Positive social norms — Youth should experience clear rules and expectations for participating in 4-H, including the values, morals, and ethical expectations of being a 4-H member.
6. Support for efficacy and mattering — Youth in 4-H should be taken seriously and respected for their ideas and contributions. Youth should be given opportunities to develop responsibility and be challenged to set and achieve goals.
7. Opportunities for skill building — Youth need to develop physical, psychological, intellectual, emotional and social

skills as they grow and develop. 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop these skills, skills that support a young person into adulthood and the workplace.

8. Integration of family, school and community — Youth in 4-H do best when there is a connection to their 4-H experience with their family, school, and community. This is why 4-H programs begin at the local level, in the community where youth can practice their emerging leadership skills as they grow and develop.

For more information visit the Kansas Club Corner at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html>

Reference: Eccles, J., & Gootman, J. A. (Eds.). (2002). *Community programs to promote youth development*. Washington, DC: National



Project Spotlight - Beef

The 4-H beef project is part of the animal science education program. The program will teach you how to select, manage, and harvest market beef and raise breeding stock. Learn basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for, and keeping records on one or more head of beef. Demonstrate knowledge for feeding, breeding, and managing beef animals. Learn valuable scientific research and its influence on animals and the meat industry. Practice the 4-H life skills of decision-making, com-

municating with others, leading self and others, planning and organizing, and learning to learn.

Participating in educational events and learning opportunities will expand your knowledge and skills in the project area. Contact the Extension Office for local opportunities.

- Read your monthly 4-H newsletter for regional, state, and national opportunities.
- Participate at your county



- fair and Kansas State Fair
- Attend the Kansas State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes.
- Attend Beef Producer Days

Explore Your Spark Project Pages

Getting started in a new 4-H project can be challenging whether you are new to the 4-H program all together or you have been involved in 4-H but are taking on a new project. Project knowledge comes from many different areas. Some projects have a stronger support system such as county-wide project clubs or club level project clubs while others are more self driven. At last, Kansas 4-H has created new resources to help you no matter what method or path you are journeying down within your project.

Kansas 4-H has created new Explore Your Spark Project Pages. These pages have a vast area of information around each project. They include sections on how to get started no matter if you are just beginning in the project, have

been in the project for a while or are advanced within a project area. They also include ways to expand your knowledge within the project through healthy living, science and agriculture, community vitality and communications and arts. These new project pages also include information around resources and events, curriculum and resources, record keeping and project exhibit ideas as well as career development. Check out the new project pages at www.kansas4-h.org/projects.

Pages are still being developed so if you don't find a Explore Your Spark Project Page for your specific project, keep checking back.

